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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

FUKUNAGA ET AL.

Examiner

Andrew Lee

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE _____ MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 March 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20,23-26 and 30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19,21,22,27-29 and 31-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/12/04.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 16-19, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 31-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Uematsu et al U.S. Patent Number 5,751,720.

Re Claims 16, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 34, fig. 11 teaches a Pointer size judging circuit 21 (a pointer processing section) for processing pointer from received STN-N frame (a transmission frame) that includes channel data; AU-size MAP matching circuit 26 (a frame identification section) for monitoring a change in each pointer processing result by comparing the AU size (a frame size) (See col. 6, lines 40 +); fig. 5 teaches a received Pointer indications that indicates an alarm state transition and is based on the frame size.

Re Claims 17, 18, 33, refer to Claim 16, wherein 21 is composed to perform serially in accordance with the AU size (a rate based on the transmission rate...frame).

Re Claims 19, 32, refer to Claim 17, wherein pointer processing (a concatenation detection section) monitors for the H1 and H2 bytes (detecting a pointer value a pointer bytes) to determine for concatenation indicator (See col. 2, lines 1-5).

Re Claims 21, 22, refer to Claim 16, wherein the Pointer circuit 21 detects all pointer value compliant to the standard (SS-bit) and after MAP 26, can be modified if error is found (invalid pointer detection) based on the comparison.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 30 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 3/20/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Re Claims 16-19, 21, 22, 28, 29, and 31-34, applicant argues that Uematus et al cannot identify the frame unit if H1 and H2 have errors, and requires a "confirmation process" that includes receiving "AU-size map".

Examiner disagrees. The H1 and H2 have no error.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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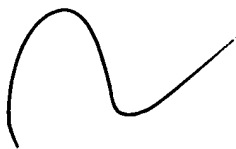
the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-3130. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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ANDREW C. LEE
PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'A' followed by a wavy line.